

The Presentation of a Fallen Snow

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Thousands of diminutive snowflakes twinkle and wink back at me
from the glacial ground below.

Iridescent purples and pearls dance together
in the sudden spotlight I've bestowed upon them.

A dozen ominous spectators linger,
dark and protecting. Swaying gently
to music only deaf ears can hear.

I lean closer, nose pressed against the metallic scent
of cold glass to better see the delicate performance
befalling my bucolic backyard.

The glistening flakes twist and twirl like dancers in a silent ballet.

Only I am privy to their ephemeral exhibition-
a luminous feat in the weight of sinister shadows.

How I long to be on that other side,
swirling and shining; a radiant rebel
crying defiance to the darkness beyond.

I sigh.

And force myself to turn away,
Allowing the overpowering night to abruptly complete
my serene show, as a curtain falling over an occupied stage,
with the flick of a switch.

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← Title helps establish purpose

Focus - significance of a moment in time - new fallen snow at night

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alliteration
personification

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} effective use of visual imagery

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metaphor / personification
} sentence fragment used for effect

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simile

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rich, precise word choice throughout

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} multiple examples of alliteration

I sigh. → simple sentence used to enhance meaning - suggests a pause by the persona of poem
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conclusion of the moment in time
("with the flick of a switch")
contrasts with "serene show"
from moments before

Effective use of stanzas and white space as transitional elements